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SUBJECT: KIRK COMMENT ON DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION

1. FOLLOWING AS CARRIED BY NZBC FEBRUARY 8. QUOTE
PRIME MINISTER KIRK SAYS NEW ZEALAND IS AGAINST A
BUILD-UP OF ANY NATION'S MILITARY OR NAVAL PRESENCE
IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. HE WAS COMMENTING ON A REPORT
THAT THE USA PLANS TO BUILD NAVAL FACILITIES ON A
BRITISH ISLAND IN THE OCEAN.

KIRK SAYS HE HAD ALREADY AFFIRMED NEW ZEALAND'S
SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE
OF PEACE, FREE FROM GREAT POWER RIVALRY, TENSIONS AND
MILITARY ESCALATION AT THE END OF HIS VISIT TO INDIA.

HE SAYS THE BUILD-UP OF ANY NATION'S MILITARY OR
NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE AREA IS NOT WELCOMED. END QUOTE.

2. ITEM HAS NOT BEEN PICKED UP BY PAPERS.

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3. FYI: MFA HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT KIRK COMMENTED

ON DIEGO GARCIA AFTER PRSISTENT PRSSURES BY ONE
NEWSMAN. GAILURE OF WRITTEN PRESS TO PICK UP STORY
INDICATIVE GENERAL LOW LEVEL POPULAR CONCERN FOR THIS ISSUE.
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